

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

1                   5.       (New) A method for operating an automatic transmission, having a torque  
2 converter and at least one function clutch, of a motor vehicle having an internal combustion  
3 engine with a rising torque characteristic in the lower rotational speed range, in particular an  
4 internal combustion engine charged by means of a turbocharger, in which method the starting  
5 operation is carried out via the torque converter, characterized in that, during the starting of the  
6 motor vehicle, the function clutch used in this case is initially induced to slip during a short  
7 predetermined period of time until a starting torque which is increased, as compared with idling,  
8 has built up.

1                   6.       (New) The method according to claim 5, characterized in that the  
2 predetermined period of time is set at a time of between about 100 and about 1000 ms, in  
3 particular of between about 100 and about 250 ms.

1                   7.       (New) The method according to claim 5, characterized in that the function  
2 clutch is induced to slip until a sufficient boost pressure is built up by the turbocharger.

1                   8.       (New) The method for operating an automatic transmission, having a  
2 torque converter and at least one function clutch, of a motor vehicle having an internal  
3 combustion engine with a rising torque characteristic in the lower rotational speed range, in  
4 particular an internal combustion engine charged by means of a turbocharger, in which method  
5 the starting operation is carried out via the torque converter, characterized in that a function  
6 clutch is controlled in such a way that the converter characteristic is thereby adapted to the  
7 respective dynamic operating point.